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SUBJ: PRESIDENT VELASCO'S SPEECH AT UNIDO II INAUGURAL  
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1. AT INAUGURAL SESSION OF SECOND GENERAL CONFERENCE OF UNIDO (UNIDO II), PERUVIAN MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND TOURISM, ADMIRAL JIMENEZ DE LUCIO, ACTING AS TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE, ANNOUNCED THAT BECAUSE OF CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND CONTROL ("FUERZA MAYOR"), PRESIDENT VELASCO WOULD NOT ADDRESS THE MEETING. INSTEAD, PRIME MINISTER MORALES BERMUDEZ READ THE PREPARED REMARKS WHICH HAD ALREADY BEEN PRINTED AND DISTRIBUTED. (THE SPEECH LASTED 45 MINUTES.)

2. THE SPEECH WAS OF A REASONABLY MODERATE TONE. IT DISCUSSED THE PROBLEMS IN PERU AND THE REVOLUTIONARY ADVANCES MADE TO SURMOUNT THEM. PRIME MINISTER STRESSED AT SEVERAL POINTS THAT PERU IS A THIRD WORLD COUNTRY. THE PERUVIAN REVOLUTION HAS NOW BASICALLY ESTABLISHED ITS THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK. THE GOAL IS A PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY

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IN WHICH ALL FORMS OF WEALTH AND POWER ARE HELD BY THE WORKERS

ORGANIZED INTO AUTONOMOUS GROUPINGS IN THE VARIOUS SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY (INDUSTRY, FISHING, AGRICULTURE). PERU HAS ALREADY BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN CONCENTRATING ECONOMIC POWER IN STATE ORGANS. NOW, IT IS IN THE PROCESS OF TRANSFERRING THAT POWER TO THESE BASIC GROUPINGS.

3. THESE BASIC STRUCTURAL TRANSFORMATIONS ARE IRREVERSIBLE. THE OLD SYSTEM OF LARGE LAND-HOLDINGS HAS ALMOST DISAPPEARED, AND TRADITIONAL MANUFACTURING COMPANIES ARE BEING CONVERTED INTO JOINTLY-MANAGED ENTERPRISES. THE SOCIAL PROPERTY SECTOR, WHICH WILL BE THE PRINCIPAL SECTOR IN THE NEW PLURALIST ECONOMY, IS BEGINNING TO GROW. IN ADDITION, PERU WILL HAVE A DYNAMIC STATE SECTOR, A SECTOR WITH JOINT WORKER-CAPITALIST MANAGED ENTERPRISES, AND A PRIVATE PROPERTY SECTOR FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED BUSINESSES.

4. THE SPEECH STRESSED THAT BECAUSE OF CIRCUMSTANCES UNIQUE TO EACH COUNTRY, DEVELOPING STATES MUST HAVE THEIR OWN DISTINCT BRAND OF REVOLUTIONARY PROCESS AND SHOULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO FOLLOW ANY GIVEN FORMULA. THE SPEECH RATHER HANDILY SET UP A "STRAW MAN" STEREOTYPE OF THE EVILS INHERENT IN AN INDUSTRIALIZED STATE AND EMPHASIZED THAT THE THIRD WORLD SHOULD, OF COURSE, WANT NO PART OF THAT.

5. THE SPEECH ALSO STRESSED THAT THE PERUVIAN REVOLUTION HAS BEEN A NON-VIOLENT ONE, WITHOUT PERSECUTION OF DOMESTIC ADVERSARIES AND WITHOUT RESORTING TO THE USE OF FORCE TO DEFEND ITSELF.

6. THE SPEECH NOTED THAT PERU WILL BECOME AN OIL-EXPORTING COUNTRY WHEN THE TRANS-ANDEAN PIPELINE IS COMPLETED IN 1976.

7. IT ENDED WITH A CALL ON THE INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS TO MODIFY THEIR PRESENT POSITION WHICH PREVENTS THE THIRD WORLD FROM DEVELOPING IN ITS OWN WAY.  
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